

THE HON'BLE SRI JUSTICE N.V.RAMANA

Writ Petition No. 9022 of 2007

Date: 26.04.2007

Between:

S. Somasekhar Reddy.

.....PETITIONER

AND

The A.P. Southern Power Distribution Company
Limited, Tirupathi, Chittoor District and others.

....RESPONDENTS

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Order:

The petitioner, who is working as a contract labour in the respondents-APSPDCL, filed the present writ petition challenging the action of the respondents-APSPDCL in not issuing the call letter for the interview, scheduled to be held on 27.04.2007, for the post of contract Junior Lineman, by relaxing the upper age limit for the period he served as contract labour in it.

Heard the learned counsel for the petitioner and the learned Standing Counsel for the respondents-APSPDCL.

As per the revised notification issued by the respondents-APSPDCL, the age prescribed for the post of Contract Junior Lineman is not below 18 years and not above 35 years as on date of earlier notification i.e., 06.06.2006, and relaxation of upper age limit is permissible up to 5 years for SC/ST/BC candidates. Admittedly, now the age of the petitioner is about 37 years and as on 06.06.2006 he already crossed the upper age limit. That apart, since the petitioner belongs to OC community, he is not entitled to any relaxation of upper age. Therefore, he is not eligible for consideration for the post of Contract Junior Lineman, and no exception can be taken to the action of the respondents-APSPDCL in not issuing call letter to the petitioner.

Further, the apex Court in Civil Appeal No. 3215 of 2002 and batch, dated 18.04.2002, considered similar issue and held that the statutory regulations provide that there shall not be any relaxation of age. In that view of the matter, no relief as prayed for by the petitioner

in this writ petition can be granted.

The writ petition is devoid of merit and the same is accordingly dismissed. No costs.

N.V. RAMANA, J.

Date: 26.04.2007

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